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TAGS: MASS PFOR CG FR

SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: US AID TO ZAIRE; CONSULTATIONS WITH  
FRENCH

REF: PARIS 11511

1. WE ARE PLEASED THAT FRENCH NOW APPEAR TO RECOGNIZE THAT  
ZAIRIAN ECONOMY NEEDS BASIC REFORMS, AS PREVIOUS FRENCH ACTIONS  
IN ECONOMIC FIELD HAVE OFTEN BEEN COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO IMF/  
STABILIZATION EFFORTS. BEST EXAMPLE IS DOMSAT SATELLITE COM-  
MUNICATION PROJECT WHICH WAS PUSHED AT HIGHEST FRENCH LEVEL AND  
IS OF DUBIOUS VALUE BOTH AS TO COST AND CAPABILITIES IN COMPARI-  
SON TO ALTERNATIVE SYSTEMS AND CERTAINLY WITH REGARD TO TIMING.  
IT WOULD APPEAR TO BE CLEARLY THE TYPE OF NON-PRIORITY PROJECT  
WHICH SHOULD BE DEFERRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH TERMS OF IMF STAND-  
BY. OTHER PROJECTS ARE LUXURIOUS WORLD TRADE CENTER AND VOICE  
OF ZAIRE BUILDING, BOTH EXPENSIVE PRESTIGE PROJECTS OF DUBIOUS

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VALUE FINANCED BY FRENCH INTERESTS. MOST RECENT EXAMPLE OF  
NON-PRIORITY PROJECT IS ANNOUNCEMENT OF FRENCH LOAN TO FINANCE  
AIRFIELD AT GOMA FOR TOURIST INDUSTRY. WE HOPE THAT  
LA ROCHERE'S VIEWS REPRESENT A CHANGE IN OFFICIAL FRENCH  
ATTITUDE.

2. WE ALSO AGREE WITH LA ROCHERE THAT IW WOULD BE HIGHLY

DESIRABLE FOR SENEGAL AND IVORY COAST AND OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO ASSIST ZAIRE IN ITS EFFORTS TO MAKE FUNDAMENTAL ECONOMIC REFORMS. EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, IN OUR VIEW, WOULD BE EFFORTS BY THESE COUNTRIES AND FRANCE TO CONVINCE GOZ OF THE NECESSITY FOR SUCH REFORMS.

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